

House Resolution No. 1697

Whereas, as the 2007-2008 school year draws to a close, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who are retiring from the field of education; and

Whereas, the Logan-Rogersville R-VIII School District is losing a valuable member of its faculty on July 1, 2008, with the retirement of Olivia Ann Stevens who has devoted several years of her life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as an educator; and

Whereas, Olivia Stevens has taught art for twenty-four years at Logan-Rogersville R-VIII, where she is held in high esteem as an educator who demonstrates considerable competence and remarkable degrees of compassion and understanding; and

Whereas, deeply committed to the great cause of learning, Olivia Stevens taught elementary art in the Hickman Mills C-1 School District for two and one-half years prior to assuming her responsibilities at Logan-Rogersville R-VIII; and

Whereas, Olivia Stevens has watched her pupils grow, develop, and mature through the knowledge she has imparted to them both as a teacher and as a friend; and

Whereas, Olivia Stevens has supported her profession as a member of the Board of Children with Learning Disabilities, a District Representative and President-elect of the Missouri Art Education Association, and as a member of the Professional Development Committee, the Southwest District Art Teachers Association, the Missouri Art Education Association, and the National Art Education Association; and

Whereas, Olivia Stevens has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include her husband, Donald L. Stevens; one son, James Patrick Williams; and three grandchildren, Jordan, Austin, and Alissa Williams:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join the Logan-Rogersville R-VIII School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Olivia Stevens has rendered to Missouri's children and in wishing her the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that she so justly deserves; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Olivia Ann Stevens, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Michael L. Cunningham
District No. 145

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 1697, adopted April 9, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker